

REMARKS

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated April 13, 2006, and Advisory Action dated October 25, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereinabove adds claims 17-20 to describe the relative shapes of the image areas more particularly. Applicant submits that none of the art of record teaches the features of the pending claims, in particular claims 17-20. Applicant further submits that pending claims 15 and 16 are patentable over the art of record with respect to the use of global matching and for the reasons previously of record for the base claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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